

Response Accompanying RCE
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U.S. Patent Application S.N. 09/663,709
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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending, and claims 1-10 have been amended by the entry in the Request for Continued Examination of the amendments in the Response under 37 CFR 1.116, filed October 15, 2002.

In the Advisory Action dated October 24, 2002, the Examiner noted that "the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph [of claims 5 and 6] is maintained because the Applicants did not provide what part of the fish meat would be a residue".

Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested. In claims 5 and 6, the original wording, "a residue from extraction of the dried fish with boiled water", or the amended wording, "a residue of a dried fish meat extracted by hot water" means, for example, a solid portion obtained by putting fish or dried fish in whole or in part into boiling water and then filtering the mixture. Applicants therefore assert that claims 5 and 6 are not indefinite.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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